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Dear Joshua!

The investigation in starformers is now in a ~~fix~~ point that should be reached in end of 1957. Genetical exchange is regularly observable and easy demonstrable. This is the result of your scientific instruction and your kind hospitality in your lab in Madison. The fruit need long time to ripe long enough for many uncertaintys and hesitations. I would be very happy if I could ask you for the opportunity to try the reliability of an experiment with starformers. Everybody in your lab can do the work with your governing in a fortnight and I hope it would not molest you very much. Please let me now if you agree, than I will send you by air mail the strains and a precise working instruction.

I have good contact with Professor Kaplan in Frankfurt and I will ask him for the same favour.

As I have written to you in December 1960 I am in contact with the C S I R O in Canberra. Since Bob died they asked me to apply for a position in microbial genetics in the C S I R O. You now that Barbara and I are "spoiled for Europe" since the stay in Madison and we have long hesitate with the answer to Canberra. But the change in position would mean an interruption of work and this would be very unfortunate in the moment. So we want to remain here. Nevertheless I hope to continue the contact and to develop a cooperation because I am interested in problems concerning breeding of rhizobia.

All best wishes to Esther and you from Barbara and the children!

Sincerely yours

Wolfram